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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has signed cultural exchange programmes with some foreign countries particularly with Italy recently;

(b) if so, the salient feature of the agreement; and

(c) the benefits that are likely to be accrued to India as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. The sixth Cultural Exchange Programme with the Government of Italy was signed on 25th January, 2003

(b) The agreement with Italy enables reciprocal exchanges in the fields of education, culture & art, protection of cultural heritage, museums, archaeology, archives, libraries & publishing and cinema, radio & television.

(c) The Cultural Exchange Programme is for strengthening of bilateral cultural links and for projecting India`s cultural image abroad.